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Parking lot causes stir in city

JILL McWHORTER

Editor

and DARRYL ATHANS

News Editor

MTSU officials are reconsidering the building of a 134,000 parking lot in front of Homer Pittard Campus school following Friday's meeting with city, county and education leaders who complained about the construction. Contractors were scheduled to stake out the open field in the corner of North Tennessee Boulevard and East Lytle Street Friday morning and were to begin bulldozing today, but university officials have put the company's contract to build the 340 space lot "on hold."

"We're in a real time bind and certainly don't have an ideal amount of time in which to consider this, but those opinions which have been expressed this morning will certainly not be taken lightly," said interim president Wallace Prescott following Friday's meeting. "We'll have to try to lay a few days from our contractor."

The area, often the site of picnicking and golfing by campus and city residents alike, had been considered a likely spot for additional parking as early as 1984 or 1985, according to Prescott.

"This is not a new project, as far as the university is concerned," Prescott said. "Based on a background study we have done, this goes back as far as 1984 or '85 when the affic committee of the university — and this is a faculty committee — not just a student committee — made some recommendations. These were studied and alternatives were considered."

"Finally, the decision apparently was made that we ought to utilize just a portion of the grounds that were available at the corner of North Tennessee Boulevard and Lytle Street."

"It's not something where we're just going to go in there

After listening to concerns voiced at the Friday meeting, Prescott said he would call his senior administrators together this morning to discuss a solution.

"It's unfortunate that it's gotten to this point and we haven't had a chance to have this meeting," said Murfreesboro Mayor Joe B. Jackson. "Most things that affect our traffic or affect us in any way come through our planning department and traffic department, and we work together trying to resolve it — trying to figure out the best way to handle it."

Concerns were raised by Dana Richardson, city traffic coordinator, about what impact the parking lot would have on the traffic flow, as well as the problem of increased pedestrian traffic crossing Tennessee Boulevard.

"Right now, Tennessee Boulevard has been identified as the street in Murfreesboro with the worst traffic problems in the whole city," said Richardson. "What we're basically doing is sticking another generator of traffic on Tennessee Boulevard."

Richardson said that the building of the parking lot would probably bring about the need for a traffic light at the East Lytle-North Tennessee intersection and the addition of a left turn lane onto East Lytle.

"Tennessee does not have a left-bound turning lane, so basically you'll be having traffic turning left on a one lane throughway," said Richardson.

"There is already a major pedestrian and vehicle conflict with the Bell Street parking lot," said Cynthia Holloway, city horticulturist and landscape director.

Holloway, who lives on North Tennessee Boulevard, is also concerned with the loss of "green space."

"It's not something where we're just going to go in there

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Kimbrell recommended as dean

JILL McWHORTER

Editor

Journalism professor Ed Kimbrell was recommended to serve as the first dean of MTSU's School of Mass Communications the second time Thursday by a search committee.

Kimbrell had been recommended for the position once last year by a 6-3 vote from the committee, but past university president Sam Ingram said the decision was not as well-supported as he would like and asked the search committee to begin their search again.

After narrowing the candidate field down to four applicants in this year's search, Kimbrell was elected with nine of the 13 members voting in his favor. Dennis O'Neal was

not present at the selection committee meeting and voted by proxy.

Two votes were received by Dwight Teeter Jr., a professor of journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and two votes were received by T. Harrell Allen, a professor and chair of the mass communications department at California State University in Pomona, Calif.

Kimbrell was described by professional adviser to the selection committee, Mike Kettenring, as having "the best vision of the four candidates." Kettenring is the president and station manager of WSMV-TV.

Kettenring credited Kimbrell as being instrumental in establishing the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First



Ed Kimbrell

Amendment Studies at the university and in promoting the mass communications building which is now under construction.

After more than an hour's discussion, the selection committee notified interim president Wallace Prescott of their decision.

Prescott commended the committee for what he

called an "impressive effort" and said he would make his decision on the recommendation today.

"I'm optimistic," Kimbrell said. "I'm certainly honored."

"My number one priority is to complete the new building," Kimbrell said.

If Prescott recommends Kimbrell, the chancellor of the state Board of Regents will ultimately decide whether he is approved, said Larry Burris, chairperson of the search committee and acting chair of MTSU's journalism department.

"I'm pleased with the results of the search," said Burris. "I think we covered all the bases. We got input from all constituencies — Nashville media, faculty and staff." ■



George L. Walker IV • Staff

La Donna Smith, left, and Kia Franklin design their own cups at the Alpha Pi Omicron table during Spring Fling.

Massacre witness says Gorbachev no democrat

DONNIE CASTLEMAN

Staff Writer

David Aikman, *Time* magazine's foreign correspondent, gave eyewitness accounts of the June 1989 Tianamen Square massacre Wednesday night.

"I felt in my bones something was going to happen," said Aikman, referring to how he felt only a few hours before the Tianamen Square massacre in the "symbolic center" of Beijing. The massacre took place last June, ending a six-week occupancy of the 100-acre square by college students and dissidents alike.

The Chinese students, were protesting against corruption and unsuccessful political action, Aikman said. Their demands, he said, "met head-on with values in the older generation." The leadership of China, he added, will not allow the students to change it.

The soldiers brought in to kill the estimated 1,000-4,000 people were brought in from outside Beijing, having been brainwashed into thinking of the sit-in as a huge uprising, Aikman said.

Aikman called the massacre the "most brutal oppression of power in 70 years" in China.

Aikman discussed aspects of the status and ending of communism in many European countries along with a brief discussion of Mikhail Gorbachev's loyalty to the communist party.

The famed Soviet leader is not a closet democrat, as many hail him to be, Aikman said. "Gorbachev is not going to succeed" in his efforts to change the structure of the Soviet Union, he continued. ■

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and flagrantly destroy the landscape and destroy all the trees along Lytle Street," said Charles Pigg, director of campus planning. "We have a 30-foot barrier between Lytle Street and the curblane on our parking lot."

"If you believe in this philosophy of accommodating the students, why don't we just pave over the circle out here?" said Bob Bullen, an MTSU professor who also represents the area surrounding MTSU and Campus School as a county commissioner. "We'll get them right in in a hurry. And we'll pave your front yard, while we're at it."

Campus officials said that the addition of the parking lot was in response to the problem of student parking in the Church of Christ parking lot on North Tennessee Boulevard and the illegal parking along the side of Lytle Street.

"This is an attempt to organize what I call a disorganized mess," said Pigg. "We have people absolutely covering up this church over here and have for a number of years. I've got records indicating that anywhere from 250 and beyond student vehicles park on the church parking lot."

Jack Drugmand, director of campus security, explained that the lot built on the east side of campus behind the mass communications building is not being fully utilized.

"In their [the students'] perception, it's too far from the heart of the campus," Drugmand said.

Preston said the possibility of a shuttle service had been considered, but added that there were many problems to deal with before providing such a service.

'Spring Fling' gives campus spring fever

JACQUELINE CLEMMONS

Staff Writer

Thursday's Spring Fling, which was the first such event in several years, proved to be a success for many organizations on campus.

Area coordinator Charles Johnson said he felt that Spring Fling 90 had become a success because so many students and organizations participated in the event and raised a lot of money for their chosen charities.

Thirty booths were sponsored by different organizations as well as sororities and fraternities. Each booth in Spring Fling 90 paid a ten dollar registration fee to pay for refreshments, T-shirts and advertisement costs.

Among the events were a dunking booth sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi, a car bash sponsored by the resident



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"It's not inexpensive," Prescott said. "For an engine and three cars we're talking about \$65,000. Then you have operating expenses, the hiring of drivers. You have to look into liability insurance."

Preston said it is "very difficult for a state agency to purchase individual insurance policies."

Pigg said that once the new parking lot was approved last year, he began working on the design of the project. "When I had the parking lot laid out and the concept laid out, that's when I sent a copy of that to the city engineer to get their comments and observations on that," said Pigg. "That was probably in January or February. It is not a matter of doing this in isolation and on the sly and under cover."

Jackson said that, although the plans were sent to the city for recommendations on drainage, no input was requested regarding the effect the lot would have on traffic.

"We would've gotten involved in this sooner had we realized the status of it, but ... it didn't come through our traffic department and engineering department to let us have some input and to say 'Hey, what impact will this have — do you have any suggestions we might consider?'" said Jackson.

"I don't think I'm in the position to say 'Now, you run it through all your departments of concern,'" Pigg said. "I don't understand that as being a responsibility that I would want to take."

"I know it's your property, and you can do what you want with that property, but the problem of traffic is our problem that we have to cope with," Jackson added. ■

assistants of Deere Hall and a virgin drink bar and jam session sponsored by the resident assistants of Simms Hall.

"This is a terrifying experience," said Barbara Haskew, the Dean of the School of Business just after being dunked in the dunking booth. "You find out who your friends are," she added.

The proceeds from the dunking booth goes to the American Cancer Society and proceeds from the dorm halls will go to provide whatever is needed by that particular dorm.

"The Christian Center will use its proceeds for a new wheelchair," said Sherry Sanders, a member of the center.

"Spring Fling 90 was a good time to be had by all," said Kris Bulin, an MTSU student. "I think it's an excellent opportunity for the students of this campus to get together and relieve tension just before exams." ■

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Honors Lecture Series will present "Through the Camera's eye" with James Norton, Department of Radio-TV/Photography, MTSU. The presentation will be today in Peck Hall, room 107.

The Society of Professional Journalists will present a session entitled "Radio News in the 90's" today April 23, at 7 p.m. in KUC room 313. Scheduled to appear are WMOT's Randy O'Brien, WSM's Jerry Dahmen, WLAC's Julie Clark, and WKDF's Mike Donegan. These journalists will give their views on the future of radio as a medium.

Ad Club meeting Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Shoney's Inn conference room. Guest speaker is Ricky Perkins, President of Perkins & Edwards Advertising in Nashville. Free and open to the public.

STEAM will be having a graduation party for all education majors on April 30 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the picnic area behind Murphy Center. All education majors are invited. Please sign up on Dr. Bergman's door by Friday April 27.

An Al-Anon Family Group, known as Adult Children of Alcoholics will hold a support group meeting every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the KUC, room 315. If you grew up in, or think you grew up in an alcoholic or chemically dependent family, please come find serenity. For more information contact Thelma Schrader MTSU box 4084 or Carole Carroll, MTSU ext. 2519.

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Members of Tau Omicron will have a final meeting on April 25 in KUC 316 at 4 p.m. New officers will be introduced.

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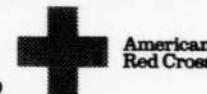
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OPINION

Parking not our problem — lazy attitude is real problem

People are lazy; that's the long and short of it.

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Consider the convenience of heavier congestion on the most-used street in Murfreesboro. Consider the convenience of adding a new left turn lane on Tennessee Boulevard, as well as the convenience of having a line of cars waiting to turn left on a one-lane throughway until such a turn lane is built.

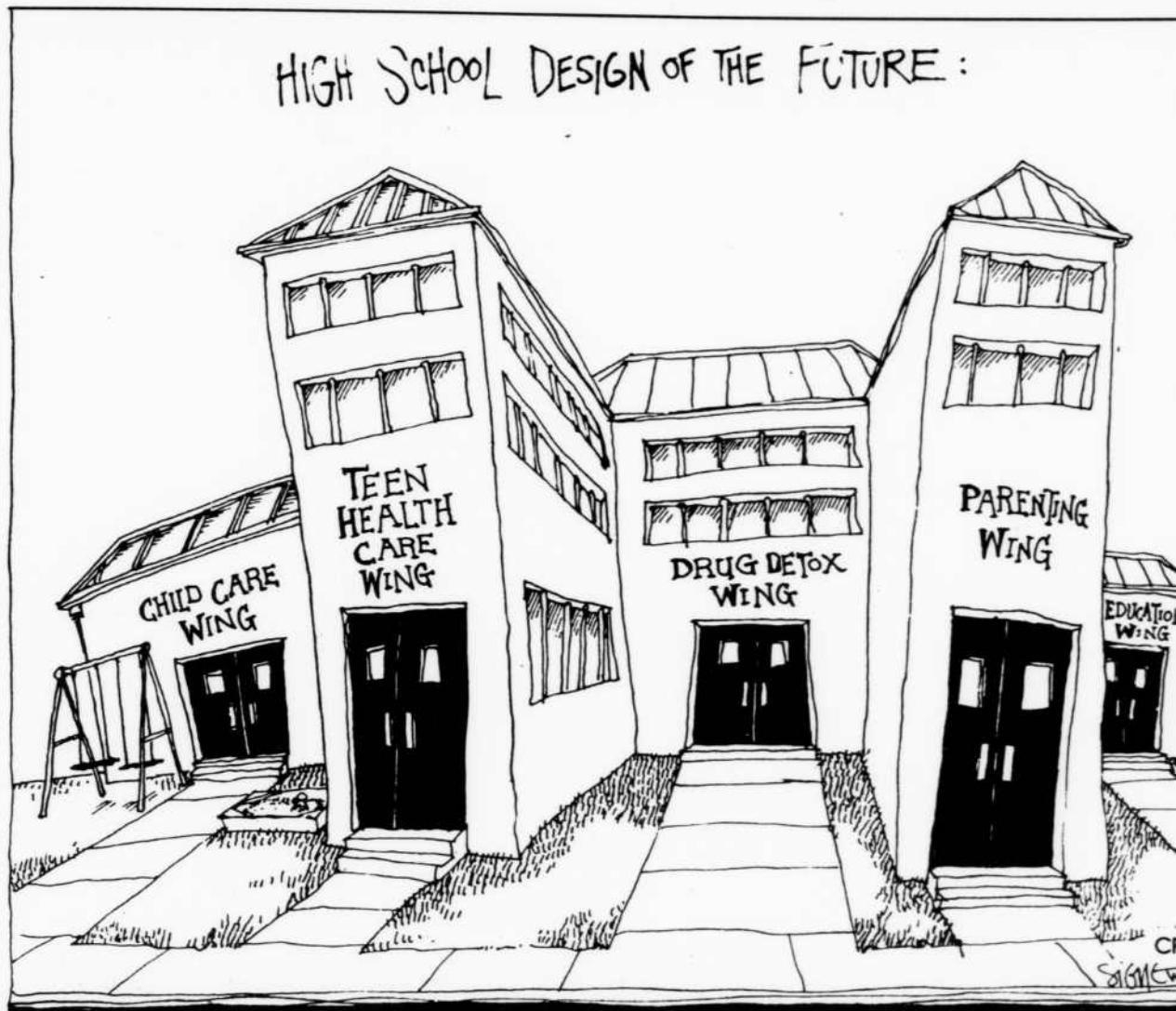
Consider the convenience of having even more flooded cars during heavy rains, something for which the present parking facilities on Tennessee Boulevard are already infamous. Consider the convenience of having to watch out for schoolchildren and other pedestrians dashing to class.

Now consider the fact that with the opening of the new mass comm building the need for parking will shift dramatically to the east side of campus. And there already exists a practically unused parking lot behind the new building. Also, on the northeast corner of campus (on Greenland Drive), another parking lot sits virtually ignored.

The reason this lot sits ignored and the reason this new lot is so desperately desired? We're lazy.

We seriously suggest putting off building this new parking lot for at least one year, until we get a good idea of what impact this new building will have on campus parking.

It may well save us \$134,000 and a few trees.



Letters to the Editor

UMT "classier" than MTSU

To the Editor:

I am commenting about the proposed name change for MTSU. I think it is a wonderful idea! The University of Middle Tennessee (UMT) sounds so much more classier and academic than just plain ole "Middle Tennessee State University." Wow, what a mouthful that is! I know a whole lot of people agree with me on this issue. We are an up and coming school and each year we get closer to being a top-notch school with the ranks of the *University of North Carolina*, the *University of Michigan*, the *University of California* as well as the *University of Georgia* to name just a few (must I go on?) Why can't we be the University of something? MTSU granted, does sound like a state community college.

I know that some people are saying that changing the name of the school is pointless and expensive. Yes, expensive it might be (all the paraphrenalia in the bookstores would have to undergo major reconstructive surgery along with the thousands of car bumper stickers bearing the "MTSU" logo). I believe it is well worth the effort. What an honor for everyone to say they go to the *University of Middle Tennessee*, or UMT, as some people might prefer, than MTSU (the esteemed community college.)

Think about it, folks.

Tyler Cordwell
General Delivery

Turman is no Tiresias

To the Editor:

According to Tiresias, a prophet of Greek mythology, women not only enjoy sex, they enjoy it more than men do. Tiresias was more qualified to address this subject than W. Turman. Tiresias had experienced life as a male and a female as well.

Perhaps the comments of Tiresias should be understood as a reflection of his/her own experiences and should be extended to men and women in general. It may be the case that W. Turman's comments are true for Turman, but not for MTSU.

Thomas E. Haynes
General Delivery

Dirty rears reason for benches

To the Editor:

Since I have been at MTSU, there are two things that have my concern.

The first is that there are no benches in Peck Hall. Peck Hall is one of the major buildings that practically everyone has a class in. There is nothing to sit on while you go to classes except the dirty floor (which can't be helped since everyone walks across it.) I believe it should be mandatory to have benches on each floor.

The second problem I have is that there are no exercise facilities (such as a gymnasium or a basketball court) which could provide a chance for students' health and well-being. MTSU should provide two instructors on two days of the week for whoever would like to participate in a valid student I.D.

MTSU and the ASB have plenty of finances (some of which I have given) and space to provide this as a place for people who would like to be in better shape. Many students can't afford to pay a health club to go to on a monthly basis. Some people would like just to do a few exercises every so often instead of taking a class that starts on Monday and Wednesday.

These are just two of my concerns and would appreciate it if you could print this so appropriate action can be taken and responses made.

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FEATURES

Special Olympics competitors all come out winners



Coaches and student volunteers cheer on a group of athletes as they complete the 50-yard dash during Friday's Special Olympics competition. Bruce B. Newland, Jr. • Staff

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and

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Features Editor

In many ways, the Area 16 Special Olympics competition held Friday at MTSU's Horace Jones Field was just like any other athletic event.

You could see the intense concentration on the athletes' faces as each event began. And you could hear the roar of the crowd as each fan cheered on their favorite Special Olympian: "Throw hard, Tiffany, throw hard!"

But there was one difference.

You didn't see any dejected athletes walking slowly to the locker room with heads bowed. No TV cameramenockeying for close-up shots of losing team members lounged on the bench, blinking back tears.

Because in this athletic competition, there weren't any losers — just winners.

Friends and family, coaches and fellow athletes cheered just as loudly for the last place winners in each event as they did for the first place winners. And you certainly couldn't tell the "winners" from the "losers" by the way all the athletes danced around, congratulating each other and comparing brightly colored prize ribbons.

"This is our kids' special day," explained coach Pam Stallings of Louisa Developmental Center in Murfreesboro. "They all think they're winners — you can't tell them they lost."

That's all part of the Special Olympics mission: to provide Olympians with "continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympians and the community."

Marshall Bell, special education assistant at Central Middle School noted that "Special Olympics is a great opportunity for children with a disability to get together and compete, but the main thing is to have fun. I feel it provides an outlet for them to compete and to have fun doing so."

Pam Barrett, mother of 12-year-old Special Olympian Teresa Barrett, echoed this sentiment: "I think the most important thing is how it makes the kids feel. This is Teresa's third year competing and she'll be back next year. She enjoys the games, and she makes friends here."

The Special Olympics program was formed in 1968 and is open to any individual 8 years of age or older who is mentally retarded, has an IQ below 80 or spends over 50 percent of their school time in Comprehensive Development Curriculum classes. Athletes are grouped into heats based on their ability and age level.

Today, the program reaches over one million athletes, representing 20,000 communities in 65 nations around the world.

This year's competition marks the fifth time the games have been held at MTSU since the formation of the Area 16 program, composed of Rutherford, Wilson, Williamson and Trousdale counties.

According to John Harris, director of the Area 16 games, the event drew 290 athletes from 28 schools. "It went super!" he exclaimed. "Dr. Prescott opened the ceremonies. We had a number of volunteers come out from MTSU and they were very enthusiastic."

Harris noted that in 1991, the International Special Olympics games will be held in St. Paul, Minn. Tennessee will be able to send 74 athletes, including two or three Area 16 Olympians.

But for now, the Area 16 athletes are basking in Friday's accomplishments, remembering their own moment of glory as they hopped on the awards platform to hugs and cheers from their friends and family. And remembering the announcer's voice as he called out each participant's name — affirming they all, indeed, were winners. ■

Carnivale' presents variety of dance styles

LAURA PAIN
Staff Writer

Tucker Theatre was the setting for "CARNIVALE: A Dance Celebration," which was presented Thursday and Friday nights by the MTSU Performing Arts Company and "Blue Moves."

The concert, divided into two acts, consisted of 17 dance groups, which performed routines ranging from elegant alleys to grinding rock renditions. The music featured a

wide variety of composers and artists, including Chaikovsky, Brahms, The Champs, Janet Jackson and Motley Crue.

Costumes were appropriately matched to the music and seemed well-planned.

The "ghost MC," not visible to the audience, was barely audible as he introduced each group of performers, causing everyone to constantly refer to their programs.

Although much preparation and dedication went into this excellently choreographed show, opening night produced quite a few dancers who nervously fumbled their steps or forgot parts of their routine. Unfortunately, the audience found this comical.

The abruptness of each routine was understandable considering the numerous groups performing, but it seems

Performance Review



Bruce B. Newland, Jr. • Staff

Dancers strut their stuff for "Carnivale: A Dance Celebration," held Thursday and Friday at Tucker Theatre. ■

Writers' Night to feature Kevin Montgomery, student composers

KIMBERLY DORRIS

Features Editor

MTSU's RIM Writers and Nashville musician Kevin Montgomery will join forces Wednesday night to present RIM Writers' Night at 527 Mainstreet.

The evening will begin with an open session where any MTSU student can take the stage to present his or her own material. Mike Hays, president of RIM Writers, notes that the event will serve to give students a chance to showcase their musical talents as well as show the Murfreesboro community "what MTSU students have to offer."

Montgomery's band will be featured following the open jam session. "I think it will give some of the RIM Writers a positive outlook about their future," Montgomery explains. "You can get a publishing deal or a record deal, but you have to work at it and not take no for an answer."

Montgomery, at 21 years old, is an up-and-coming musician himself. But while attending school at New York University, he had the chance to polish his performing talents in a rather tough arena: the New York subways. "It really helped going down and singing in the subways and getting

an immediate reaction from people," he recalls.

The young musician holds a great deal of respect for his subway cohorts. "These are the people who are doing what comes from their heart, whereas you have these pop people that are singing the same song written over and over again."

After relocating to Nashville, Montgomery gathered an impressive line-up of back-up musicians. "It's taken a few months to get them together, but I have a really fabulous band," he explains.

The band features guitarist George Cochini, who has worked with Judson Spence as well as drummer Joe English, who played in Paul McCartney's Wings. Jean Anne Chapman (percussion and back-up vocals) has toured with the Babys and has written songs for the Pointer Sisters and Tom Kimmel. Keyboardist Doug Sizemore plays with Henry Lee Summer, perhaps best known for his hit "I Wish I Had a Girl."

Drummer Tim Smith and bass player Michael Dempsey, both originally from Los Angeles, round out the line-up.

Montgomery says people have compared the band's

sound to Tom Petty, Crowded House, U2, Bruce Springsteen, and "darker Bryan Adams." But he is quick to point out that his repertoire consists of all-original material.

Montgomery is currently working with New York-based writer Larry Gottlieb, who has written songs for Blue Oyster Cult and The Four Tops.

According to Montgomery, his material often begins with a lyrical concept. "I'll be driving down the road and I'll think of something or something will happen and I'll try to put that raw emotion into a couple of phrases. Then I go in to write with Larry and we bang something out."

Montgomery and his group plan to begin recording this summer with producers Paul Worley (Highway 101, Desert Rose Band) and Ed Seay. "They're really hungry to break a rock act," explains Montgomery.

Kevin Montgomery will perform tonight at Mainstreet at 10 p.m. and Tuesday night at Melrose Square at 10 p.m. RIM Writers' Night will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Mainstreet on Wednesday night; students who plan to perform with electronic equipment are encouraged to contact RIM Writers' president Mike Hays at 898-3769 in advance. ■

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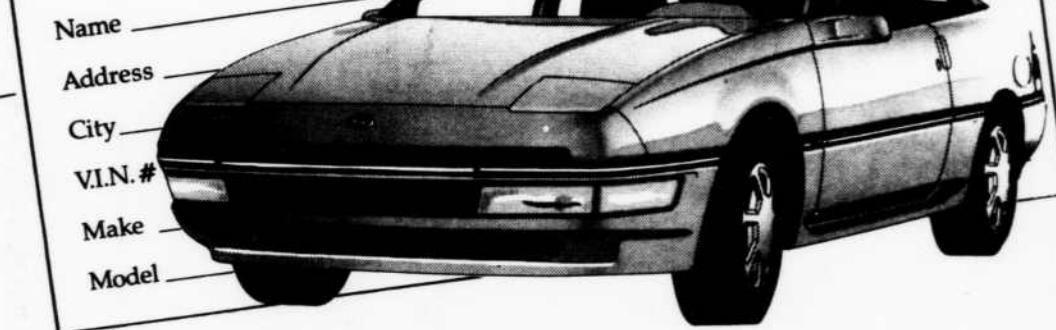
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Symphonic Band to present semester's final performance



Jennifer D. West•Staff

Saxophone players (left to right) Melanie Magill, Kevin Dye, David Earl and Scott Estes rehearse for the Symphonic Band's final performance of the semester. The program features a variety of composi-

tions, including a performance by the saxophone ensemble of Warren Barker's "Capriccio." The free concert will be held tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Wright Music Building.

ADRIENNE BLACK Assistant Features Editor

MTSU's music department will present the Symphonic Band tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in its final concert performance of the semester.

One of the evening's highlights will be a featured performance by saxophonists Melanie Magill, Kevin Dye, David Earl and Scott Estes. The ensemble will play "Capriccio," composed by Warren Barker.

The concert will also feature a wide range of compositions to listen to.

"The music runs from 'St.

Louis Blues' by W.C. Handy to 'Finlandia' by Jean Sibelius," notes Dr. Joseph Smith, professor in the music department.

"The title could be called 'everyone's favorite tune.'"

Other pieces that will be played include "The Drum Major's Daughter" by Jacques Offenbach, "Fandango" by Frank Perkins, "America the Beautiful" by Samuel Ward and Francis Scott Key's "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Symphonic Band consists of 78 students, about half of which are music majors.

"Everyone that wants to

play in the band can," Smith explains.

"There isn't an audition and if you had at least played in a high school band — and are interested in still playing music — you're welcomed."

The Symphonic Band performed in Memphis on March 15 for the Tennessee Music Educators' Association, which was a highlight concert for the band this semester.

Tomorrow night's concert will be held in the Recital Hall in the Wright Music Building.

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Two years after the release of *Idlewild*, Everything But The Girl (a/k/a Ben Watt and Tracey

Thorn) arrive on the scene once again with a new record label, a contemporary jazz producer and some of today's hottest jazz artists.

Recorded entirely in Los Angeles, producer Tommy Liluna (Miles Davis, David Sanborn) gathered a few

friends to transform the arrangements of Ben Watt into a wonderfully crafted pop album, seasoned with a pinch of jazz.

Stan Getz, Michael Brecker and pianist Joe Sample are just a few of the musicians who appear on *The Language of Life*.

Idlewild, released in 1988, reflected Watt and Thorn's British heritage through infectious pop melodies and poetic lyrics.

But the use of drum programs gave the album a cold feel. *The Language of Life* breathes more freely and retains a human touch with the help of Omar Hakim's "live" drums.

However, what *Idlewild* lacked in percussion, *Language* lacks in lyrical content. Instead of singing about life in London or sharing time with a friend in a flat down on Oxford Street, Tracey finds herself

singing about Robert Zimmerman and Jack Kerovac on "Me and Bobby D" and about her decision to leave her lover after an emotional tug-of-war in "Driving."

The jazz-pop flavor of this recording is still hard to pass up. The melodies are extremely memorable and the harmonies are delivered with incredible fervor. While the Sade/Style Council sound is one we've heard before, Thorn's deliv-

ery is what sets Everything But The Girl above the rest.

Be careful not to let yourself get too caught up in Tracey's vocals; once she hooks you, she doesn't let go. Her voice flows like an English countryside stream on a cool spring morning.

Let's hope more people listen as Ben Watt and Tracey Thorn speak *The Language of Life*. ■

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Lady Raiders claim OVC title

DAVID LEE GREGOR

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Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Lady Raider tennis team captured its first OVC tournament crown in eight years this weekend by winning the conference tournament in Richmond, Ky.

The tournament started Friday with the Lady's dominating their opponents like they have done all year. On the day, the Raiders were victorious in all 10 matches. MTSU won 20 of 22 sets taking 121 of the 158 games. Their oppositions only managed to win four games or more in only six of the 22 sets. Middle sent all six singles players to the finals, marking the first time a team has completed such a task.

"It's kind of scary with six players going into the finals," said Lady Raider coach Sandra Neal. "But we knew we were capable of it. We've known all season long that we were deep one through six."

The championships were held Saturday. In No. 1 singles Lady Raider Lorinda Weiss dropped a 6-0, 6-1 match to Austin Peay's Sharron Peters. The Raiders were victorious in No. 2 singles as Yael Soresman downed Murray State's Celine Neefkes 6-4, 6-4.

Kelly Williamson of MTSU, who played with a badly bruised shoulder and knee forcing her to serve underhanded, fell to Murray's Bobby Koehn 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2. While Lynn Dillard and Angie Leake of MTSU downed Eastern Kentucky's Tina Peruss and Heidi Kallestad in No. 4 and 5 singles. Their scores were 6-2, 6-1 and 6-4, 6-4. The Raiders Katrina Beuchler dropped her No. 6 singles match to Eastern's Samantha Roll 6-4, 6-1 rounding out singles action.

In doubles action the Raiders took one title as Soresman and Leake disposed of Morehead's Chris Thomson and Charlette McFall 6-0, 6-0 in No. 2 doubles. The match took only 37 minutes.

MTSU's No. 1 doubles team consisting of Weiss and Williamson fell in the semi-finals and took fourth in the tournament as they defaulted in the consolation match. Due to Williamson's injury, Coach Neal saw no reason to



Sandra Rennie•Staff

MTSU's Lady Raider tennis team displays the championship trophy they received for winning the OVC title over the weekend in Richmond, Ky. Pictured from left to right: (front row) Lorinda Weiss, Coach Sandy Neal, Lynn Dillard, (back row) Kelly Williamson, Angie Leake and Yael Soresman. Katrina Beuchler is not pictured.

risk further harm to her player. Dillard and Beuchler dropped a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) match to Eastern's Kallestad and Roll in No. 3 doubles action to wrap up the tournament.

"They worked hard for it," said Neal after the victory. "Everyone one of these girls have improved in leaps and bounds. Not only from last year, but this season as well."

MTSU won the tournament with 51 points. Eastern Kentucky finished second with 39. Murray State took third

with 34 points. Austin Peay had 31. Morehead tallied 27. Tennessee Tech chalked up 13. Tennessee State finished in the cellar with only three points. ■

MTSU shoots down Eagles

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Blue Raider baseball team clinched a OVC playoff birth yesterday as they swept a doubleheader from Tennessee Tech 12-4 and 9-5.

The Raiders were scheduled to play a three game series with the TTU Eagles but the rains fell and the regularly scheduled doubleheader was postponed from Saturday to Sunday.

The Raiders led 2-0 after 1½ innings of play before the washout. Middle's starter Tom Wegman received a light warmup and was called upon to start Sunday.

The Raiders scored two runs early before exploding for seven in the fourth.

Raider right fielder Darrius Gash led off the inning with his eighth homer of the

year. Left fielder Cory Watkins came up later in the inning with two on. He singled, scoring both baserunners. Jeff Shelton stepped to the plate and singled. Tech then gamblled by intentionally walking third baseman Dwight Robinson to face catcher Jay Owens. Tech lost the bet.

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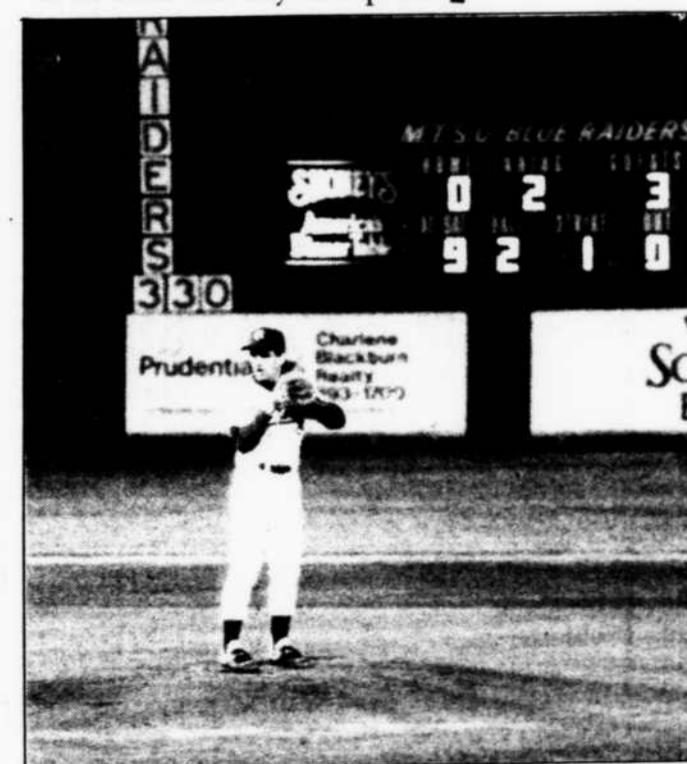
tenth conference victory.

The victory was picked up by Raider ace Chris Crabtree. It was his seventh victory against only one defeat.

The Raiders remain undefeated in league play. They sit atop the OVC standings and hold a 30-10 overall record.

The Big Blue will travel to Nashville Tuesday for a game with Vanderbilt. The Raiders defeated the Commodores earlier this season. The game is scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday night, the Raiders will host the Ole Miss Rebels. MTSU took both games of a two game series in Oxford, Miss. earlier in the season. Game time at Reese Smith Field is at 7:30 p.m. ■



Bruce B. Newland, Jr. • Staff
Raider starting pitcher, Jeff Shelton prepares to throw a pitch to an awaiting Cumberland batter. The Lions pounded out 20 hits and 12 runs en route to a 12-10 victory over the Raiders last Thursday night at Reese Smith Field.

Raiders slip past Mocs

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU Blue Raider tennis team overcame a 4-2 deficit to pull out a 5-4 victory over the UT-Chattanooga Moccasins Friday.

"I was concerned going into the match," said Raider Head Coach Dale Short. "We haven't been playing well lately and our confidence level was down."

"If we weren't able to come through, it would have been depressing going into the [OVC] tournament."

The Raiders fell behind early, losing four of the six singles matches. Middle's

Nick Sheumack defeated Rolando Apallaza 6-4, 6-3 in No. 1 singles. The only other victory came in No. 5 singles as Brian Duncan disposed of Joe Clower 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

In No. 2 singles play, UTC's John Whiter downed Middle's Johan Franzene 7-6, 7-5. Raider Nick Sheumack fell to Scott Evens 7-6, 6-2 in No. 3 singles. Darren Royal of UTC put away David Thornton 6-3, 6-2 in No. 4 singles. While Middle's Rob Williams dropped a 6-2, 6-1 defeat to Brad Sundstrom.

The Raiders rebounded, stealing all three doubles

matches and pulling out its second victory over UTC this season.

In No. 1 doubles action Sheumack and Haslam aced Franzene and Evens 6-3, 6-1. Franzene and Thornton sliced Apallaza and Royal 6-3, 6-0 in No. 2 doubles. Duncan and Williams completed the sweep with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Clower and Sundstrom.

"We needed a confidence builder and this was just what the doctor ordered," said Short.

The victory raised the Raiders overall record to 16-8 heading into the OVC tournament. ■

MTSU races and places

TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders track team ran in the 25th annual Kentucky Relays in Lexington last Saturday.

No team scores were being compiled and Raider Coach Dean Hayes used the event as a warmup for the upcoming OVC Championships. The Raiders did, however, place in several events of the 10 team field.

Latonia Jackson, Michelle Welch, Jennene Cody and Koko Rowley combined to run 47.72 seconds in the 4 X 100-meter relays to place second. Jackson, Leigh Weathers,

Elissa Davis and Welch took second in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:55.02.

Sharron Smith placed sixth in the 1500-meter race with a time of 4:54.

Cody had a lifetime best as she ran the 100-meter in 12.05 seconds to take first. Welch ran the 400-meter race in 58.8 seconds to place fifth. Davis and Weathers finished fifth and sixth in the 800-meter run. Davis's time was 2:18.11 while Weathers was on her tail finishing at 2:18.83.

Rowley placed second in the high hurdles with a 14.60 time. She ran a 14.63

in the preliminaries for her lifetime best. Marsha Cleveland placed third in the event.

Cleveland also finished third in the Intermediate Hurdles with time of 1:06.02.

In the long jumps, Welch took fifth with a 19-10½ jump.

"I was very happy with our performance," said Hayes. "It was a good field."

"We will work hard this week to get ourselves ready for the OVC Championships."

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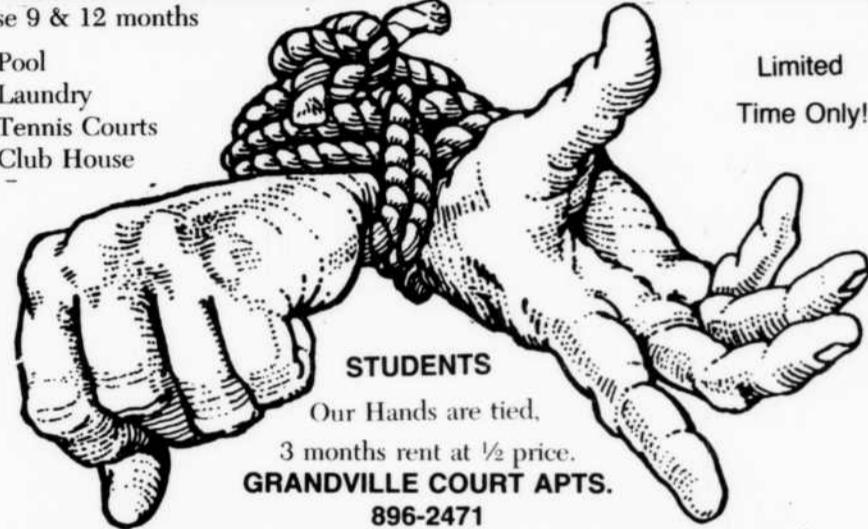
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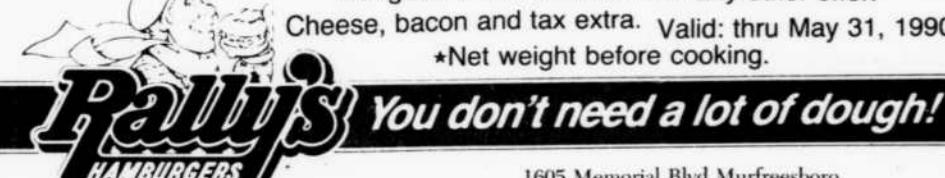
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TONY J. ARNOLD
Assistant Sports Editor

Shortly after the book on Middle Tennessee States basketball seasons had closed, it quickly reopened.

MTSU Blue Raider head coach Bruce Stewart, and Lady Raider mentor Lewis Bivens are preparing to write another chapter. One which they hope will have a happy ending.

After posting a disappointing 12-16 mark last season, Stewart fished the junior college ranks and hooked plenty of potential for the 1990-91 campaign. He signed Charles Moore, Kelvin Hammonds, Greg

Christian, and Tim Corder.

Moore will beef up the Raiders inside game with his 6-8, 225 pound frame. The power forward from Lawson State Community college averaged 21.3 points, 11.2 rebounds and four blocked shots last season.

Hammonds, who is the brother of MTSU's all-time scoring leader Kerry Hammonds, averaged 14 points, four rebounds and two steals per game last season at Hutchinson Junior College in Kansas. He is a well-rounded player who is capable of lighting the

scoreboard up from the outside.

One key to success this season will be the replacement of graduating point guard Gerald Harris. Christian, a 6-1, 170 pounder, will be counted on to help fulfill the duty of being the floor general. At Howard Junior College he averaged 12 points and 11 assist per game.

Murfreesboro's own, Corder will join the ranks of the Blue Raiders next season. Last year at Sullivan State he averaged 14.1 points and 2.1 steals per game. He is considered to

be an outstanding defensive player and should be a crowd drawer since he prepped at Riverdale High.

Stewart also signed two prep stars. Jeff Clifton of Searcy, Ark. and Nashville McGavock's Jeff Johnson.

Coach Bivens hopes that his recruiting will put the Lady Raiders back on top of the OVC. After suffering through their worst season ever, posting a 12-17 record, Bivens inked nine new lady's to wear Big Blue uniforms next season.

Nikki Bonner may be the cream of the crop. The 6-footer was recruited by the

likes of Kentucky, Clemson and Georgia. She attained All-State honors averaging 19 points and 11.8 rebounds during her senior year at Northwest High in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Bivens also attained a gem when he signed Shelby State transfer Sherrie Harris. The 6-2 banger averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds a game last season.

Maggie Cox put her name on the dotted line bearing a 23 point, 13 rebound average. The 6-footer is from Lincoln County, Ky.

Mary Smith, who is con-

sidered to be one of the top 3-point shooters in the nation, has transferred to Middle from Motlow. Last season she averaged 15 points and nailed 49% of her trey attempts.

Local recruits Debbie Elliott of Murfreesboro Oakland, and Shelbyville's Kasey Cartwright will add depth to the Lady Raiders guard position next season.

Glenciff's Carolyn Aldridge, and junior college transfers Michelle Wayman and Latonia Harris will also give the Lady Raiders a boost next year. ■

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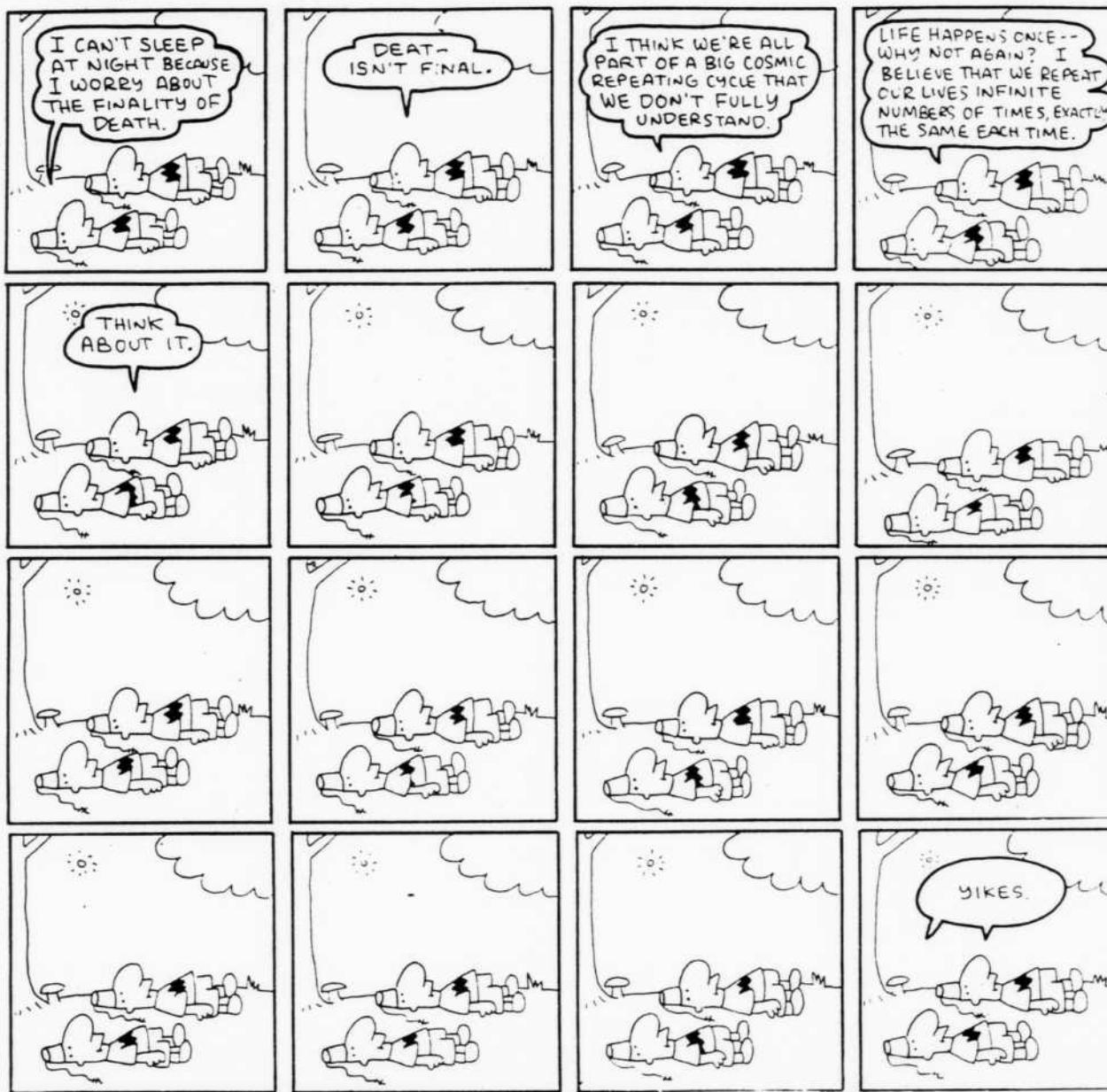
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ACROSS										
1	Egyptian lizard	33	Baby's napkin	34	Portico					
5	Wine cup	35	Snare							
8	Newspaper paragraph	36	Study							
12	Mexican laborer	37	Warning device							
13	Fish eggs	38	Spanish pot							
14	Mine vein	40	Give forth freely							
15	Poem	41	Type of artillery							
16	Rent	42	abbr.							
18	Deposit	43	Babylonian deity							
19	Roman gods	44	Microbe							
20	Vessels	45	Note of scale							
21	Symbol for calcium	47	Macaw							
23	Symbol for cerium	49	European herring							
24	Stop	51	Algonquian Indian							
26	Asian capital	52	Mutual exchange							
28	Separates	55	Small rugs							
29	Also	56	In debt							
30	Possessive pronoun	57	Gaelic							
32	Mormon State	1	Footless							
8		2	Devote							
9		3	Female deer							
10		4	Article							
11		5	Rugged mountain crest							
16		6	Extinct flightless birds							
17		7	Roman bronze							
20		8	Negative prefix							
22		9	Cover							
25		10	Teacher							
26		11	Apportion							
27		12	Defeat							
28		13	Reverberation							
29		14	Lane							
30		15	Cooled lava							
31		16	Muse of poetry							
32		17	Tennis stroke							
33		18	Hindu guitar							
34		19	Play on words							
35		20	Metal							
36		21	Everybody's uncle							
37		22	Neckpiece							
38		23	Street marked by squalor							
39		24	Embrace							
40		25	Chief artery							
41		26	French article							
42		27	Tranquility							
43		28	Cultivated land							
44		29	Region							
45		30	Develop							
46		31	Country of Asia							
47		32	Skin ailment							
48		33	Perform							
49		34	In favor of							
50		35	Title of respect							
51		36	Exists							
52		37	Symbol for tellurium							
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